

Grange Dep't

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The Patrons of Husbandry.

The following sensible article we take from the New York Herald: The growth of the order during the year now closing is in the highest degree satisfactory. The total number of granges that have been organized to date may not reach the figures of the enthusiastic and unreflecting members who based their estimate upon the record of 1874; but it exceeds that of the more thoughtful who looked, and almost in vain, of knowing, positively, but the most careful estimates that can be made place the total membership of the order at the present time at 440,000—double that of 1874. This increase of strength has come mainly from imitations, (though the addition by the organization of new granges is no small fraction) and means that the order has been tried, and found to be good. The organization of granges proved merely that something was demanded differing from what the farmers had. The number organized showed merely how wide-spread was the dissatisfaction at the old order of things. The grange was an experiment, and nothing more. Despite their enthusiasm at the unprecedented success which has thus far crowned their efforts, the leaders of the movement could not but feel at the last convention anxiety for the future. Their responsibility was far greater than they had expected, and the members had a right to demand of them results which would be commensurate. No such feeling will be present at the coming session of the National Grange. The addition during the past year of nearly half a million to membership in old granges, shows that the movement is no longer an experiment but a solid and substantial success. For it must be remembered that these additions have not been made upon the strength of brilliant promises held out by fluent speakers, nor from enthusiasm that hailed any change as possibly productive of something better, but that they have been made made solely from observation by persons outside the gates of the benefits accruing to those within the order.

The growth of the order in membership is a subject for congratulation in the character of the the new members. During the past year a higher standard has been required of candidates, and none have been admitted whose whole work could not be given to its objects. It has been demanded that the applicant be more than an enthusiastic friend and well-wisher; he must be one who could give material assistance as well as aid and comfort. More than this—the new members are mainly those conservative farmers who could afford to wait and see what came of it. Without reflecting upon the older members, to whom all honor should be awarded as pioneers and guides who broke the way for others to tread, it may be said that the additions have given weight and stability which were essential to perfect success. They were men who always counted the cost of every undertaking. When their hand was upon the plough they never turned back. Hard to move, but persistent when once started, they form an indispensable reserve against which opposition form without and within will be dashed to pieces.

Never before was the prospect so cheering. All the prophecies of disruption that have so freely been made have come to naught. The dangers that threaten the stability of the order have in a great measure passed away; and with the same wise management that has, all things considered, been the order during the past year, its future is brilliant with promise.

Among candidates for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, Conkling expects the support of New York, Hartranft that of Pennsylvania, Logan that of Illinois, Blaine that of Maine and some other states in New England, Hays that of Ohio, Bristow that of Kentucky, while Grant has that of the entire south, and the office-holders. Grant can command almost a majority at the start.—[Exchange.]

MARKET REPORT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.

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COTTON—	
Low ordinary,	67 1/2
Ordinary,	74 1/2
Low middling,	10 1/2
GROCERIES—	
Coffee, prime Rio,	25 1/2
Choice,	27 1/2
STARCHES—	
Fair Brown,	12 1/2
Coffee A,	14
Coffee B,	16
Crush,	18
MOLASSES—	
P. H.,	80 1/2
C. H.,	87 1/2
Rice, choice,	12 1/2
Soda,	10 1/2
Pepper blk,	40c
Salt, blk,	2 1/2
" sack,	2 1/2
Bacon clearides,	16 1/2
Meat, clearides, salt,	15
" rib,	12 1/2
" shoulders,	11
Flour, XXX pr bbl,	77 1/2
Corn meal pr bbl,	75
DRY GOODS—	
Prints, 8 to 10, Domestic, brown	4 1/2
" 8 to 12, bleached 10 to 20	4 1/2
Jeans, 30 to 65, Flannels, 40 to 60,	
Drills, 15 to 18, Ticking, 20 to 40,	
Cotton yarn, 165,	
Checked Osnaburgs,	15 1/2
Linseys,	25 1/2
Seamless bags,	2 bu. 50
" "	3 1/2
BOOTS & SHOES—	
Brogans,	1 1/2 to 2.00
" Plow,	2 1/2
" Boys,	1 1/2 to 1.75
" Ladies,	1 1/2 to 2.00
" Boots,	4.00 to 5.50
Ladies clear boots,	1 1/2 to 3.00
HARDWARE—	
Axes,	1 1/2 to 1.15
Nails,	6.00 to 7.00
Horse shoes,	25c
" nails,	25 to 40
Castings,	9 to 10
Iron,	4 1/2 to 10
PLOWS—	
" P,	5.50
" 2,	7.00
Steel " Pony,	9.00
" Brinley "	8.50
Dbl Shovel,	7.50
Bull Tongue,	75 to 1.00
Cast Avery,	500 to 5.50
COUNTRY PRODUCE—	
Small receipts of butter, We	
quote nice choice, 25c. Inferior, no	
sale, Eggs at 12c.	
Chickens 1.50 to 2.00 pr doz. Tur-	
keys 75c. Veni-	
son hams none in market.	
Choice country lard 14 to 16c. Beef	
choice 5 to 10, Mutton 8c. Potatoes	
Irish, 75c. per bu. Pel-	
tries 25c. Dry flint hides 10. Coon	
skin 10 to 15. Fox skin 10 to 15-	
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